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SUBJECT: Selection Statement for Request for Proposals (RFP) 1-062-DAE.1132 for National Transonic Facility Operations Support (NTFOS)

The subject Request for Proposals (RFP) is for National Transonic Facility Operations Support (NTFOS), and is follow-on to contract NAS1-19385 with Calspan Advanced Technology Center for virtually identical services. The NTFOS procurement is for a 14-month base period of performance with up to 12 months of options.

This procurement was competed by publishing a market research synopsis early on in the procurement cycle; publishing a sources-sought synopsis subsequent to that; and then publishing a draft RFP in November, 1997. Further, a pre-issuance conference open to all potential offerors was held on December 5, 1997 (this conference was also electronically published), and an offerors' library was established and maintained at the NTF for offerors' use during proposal preparation activities. On December 18, 1997, the RFP itself was published electronically on the Web; further, the availability of the electronic RFP was announced via letter mailed concurrently to 35 potential offerors. It should also be noted that no potential offeror requested an extension to the proposal due date. Despite these actions, only one proposal, from Calspan SRL Corporation, was received when proposals came due on January 20, 1998.

After an initial cursory review of the proposal was completed to ensure that the proposal warranted in-depth review, a detailed review of Calspan's proposal was, in fact, conducted. It was the written opinion of the Source Evaluation Team (SET) assigned to this procurement that the Calspan proposal was, in fact, an acceptable proposal. Evaluations and procedures were conducted in accordance with Langley Research Center's Big Range Procedure Guidance Document, and in accordance with the RFP.

The Calspan proposal contained multiple major and minor technical strengths, and no major weaknesses. Their Relative Experience and Past Performance was rated Excellent. Their proposed cost and fee were considered to be reasonable. Based on these findings, Calspan was selected for award.

Following clarification questions and answers, Calspan was notified of their selection.

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